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TO AMEMBASSY BRUSSELS IMMEDIATE

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FOR AMBASSADOR HINTON FROM DICK MOOSE, USEEC

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SUBJECT: FOLEY'S DISCUSSIONS ON SOUTHERN AFRICA

1. TOM QUIMBY, DIRECTOR OF AID'S SOUTHERN AFRICA OFFICE,
TELLS ME THAT HE WAS INVITED BY MAURICE FOLEY VIA A
MONDAY TELEPHONE CALL TO COME TO BRUSSELS JANUARY 15 AND
16 FOR UNOFFICIAL AND INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS WITH A SMALL
GROUP HAVING AN INTEREST IN ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE TO
SOUTHERN AFRICA. THE SUBJECT OF THESE DISCUSSIONS
WOULD BE A POSSIBLE CONFERENCE ON SOUTHERN AFRICAN
DEVELOPMENT NEEDS TO TAKE PLACE ABOUT 3-4 MONTHS FROM
NOW. FOLEY APPARENTLY HOPES THAT CONFERENCE CAN INVOLVE
AFRICAN AND WESTERN REPRESENTATIVES, BOTH OFFICIAL AND
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UNOFFICIAL. QUIMBY WOULD NOT TAKE ANY POSITION WHICH
WOULD PREJUDICE OUR FREEDOM TO MAKE A SUBSEQUENT
DECISION REGARDING US PARTICIPATION IN THE PROJECTED
CONFERENCE.

2. I HAVE DISCUSSED THE JANUARY 15-16 SESSIONS WITH
QUIMBY, POINTING OUT OUR CONCERN THAT THEY NOT IMPINGE ON

POLITICAL DISCUSSIONS ON SOUTHERN AFRICA PROCEEDING IN OTHER CHANNELS. QUIMBY IS CONFIDENT THAT FOLEY WILL NOT CONCERN HIMSELF WITH THE POLITICS OF SOUTHERN AFRICA. QUIMBY WILL SIDESTEP QUESTIONS ABOUT USG POLICY AND VIEWS ON THAT SUBJECT AND REFER THEM TO DEPARTMENT. QUIMBY BELIEVES IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO HAVE A MISSION REP PRESENT AT THE DISCUSSIONS TO THE EXTENT POSSIBLE AND WILL SUGGEST THIS TO FOLEY. EVEN IF THIS DOES NOT EVENTUATE I DO NOT BELIEVE THAT THIS EXERCISE IS ONE WHICH REQUIRES FORMAL MISSION OVERSIGHT.

3. WE ARE PROVIDING SEPTTEL OUR THOUGHTS ON US ROLE IN FUTURE EC-SPONSORED DIALOGUE ON DEVELOPMENT NEEDS OF SOUTHERN AFRICA. CHRISTOPHER

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